

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ken Jakes for his philanthropic efforts.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Ken Jakes of Joelton. Mr. Jakes is the owner of Jakes Produce, and, due to his exceptional reputation and efforts, his national network of produce growers and transporters have donated enough fresh produce to provide over one million meals in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jakes has served on the Board of Directors of Layman Lessons Ministries since 2010. He has provided warehousing, cold storage, transportation, and distribution of fresh produce, bottled water, and other supplies to that worthy organization to benefit Tennessee's poor and needy; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jakes sponsored the Watermelon Fun Run to raise funds to purchase survival rescue blankets and bottled water canteens so that Layman Lessons Ministries could distribute them to the homeless living outdoors in the brutal cold of winter; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his endeavors, survival rescue blankets are currently carried in the trunk of every police car in Metro Nashville and its surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Ken Jakes's excellent, generous, and life-saving efforts were brought to the attention of this legislature through the Whites Creek Community Club; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud this native Tennessean for his remarkable achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ken Jakes for his philanthropic efforts to help needy Tennesseans and extend to him our gratitude and best wishes in his ongoing philanthropic efforts and for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.